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SUBJ: MINISTER WARNS WITHOUT COMPROMISE FACILITY WILL CLOSE

REF: BRIDGETOWN 2507 (NOTAL)

1. GOB EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HENRY FORDE TOLD AN OCTOBER 17 NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE GOB WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR EVERYTHING IT FEELS IT IS LEGITIMATELY DUE UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE USG GOVERNING THE U.S. NAVAL FACILITY. FORDE SPECIFICALLY POINTED TO COMPENSATION FOR PAST USE OF ROADS AND ADAMS AIRPORT (QUOTE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CENT FOR THEM UNQUOTE) AND AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE AS ISSUES RELATING TO THE FACILITY AGREEMENT. FORDE EXPLAINED THAT U.S. OPPOSITION TO PAYING PAST COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS DUE TO PROBLEMS IN PERSUADING CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROVE THESE MONIES AS A DIRECT PART OF A MILITARY AGREEMENT.

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2. GIVEN CONPROMISE ON BOTH SIDES, FORDE SAID, A SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THESE ISSUES AND HE ADDED THAT HE WISHED FOR A SETTLEMENT. BUT FORDE CONTINUED BY SAYING QUOTE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF BARBADOS WANT A SETTLEMENT AT ANY PRICE. I THINK IT IS A POSITION THAT ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES, OUR

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES HAS NEVER BEEN MORE THAN WORDS. IT NOW HAS TO BE DEEDS UNQUOTE. FORDE CONCLUDED BY SAYING QUOTE IF WE CAN'T GET TOGETHER, THE AGREEMENT COMES TO AN END UNQUOTE.

3. OCTOBER 18 ADVOCATE-NEWS HEADLINED THE STORY QUOTE ROW BREWS OVER U.S. NAVAL FACILITY UNQUOTE WITH AN EYEBROW QUOTE FORDE MAKES DISCLOSURE UNQUOTE.
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